

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are all the claims pending in the application. Independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended to clarify the subject matter thereof (support for which can be found at least in lines 23-27 of page 5 of the specification as filed). No new matter is presented herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 12, 13, 15 and 16

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-10, 12, 13, 15 and 16 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Soundararajan (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0084448) in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA), and further in view of Yuen (U.S. Patent No. 5,488,409).

Regarding the rejection of independent claim 1, it is noted that claim 1 has been amended to recite "wherein the predetermined pattern of channel change inputs makes possible movement to a channel that does not satisfy the channel preference degree." In contrast, none of Soundararajan, AAPA, and Yuen, alone or in combination, suggest a predetermined pattern of channel change inputs that makes possible movement to a channel that does not satisfy the channel preference degree, in combination with other elements of the claim. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of claims 2, 4, 5, 7, and 8, it is noted that these claims depend from claim 1 and are, therefore, allowable for at least the reasons set forth above.

Regarding the rejection of independent claim 9, it is noted that claim 9, as amended, is allowable for at least similar reasons as those provided above with reference to claim 1.

Regarding the rejection of claims 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16, it is noted that these claims depend from claim 9 and are, therefore, allowable for at least the reasons set forth above.

II. Rejection of Claims 3 and 11

Claims 3 and 11 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Soundararajan (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0084448) in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA), and further in view of Yuen (U.S. Patent No. 5,488,409), and further in view of Wugofski (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0056216).

Applicant submits that Wugofski in combination with Soundararajan, AAPA, and Yuen does not cure the deficiencies of the combination of Soundararajan, AAPA, and Yuen discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 9. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 3 and 11 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

III. Rejection of Claims 6 and 14

Claims 6 and 14 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Soundararajan (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0084448) in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA), and further in view of Yuen (U.S. Patent No. 5,488,409), and further in view of Taylor (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2005/0278648).

Applicant submits that Taylor in combination with Soundararajan, AAPA, and Yuen does not cure the deficiencies of the combination of Soundararajan, AAPA, and Yuen discussed above

with respect to claims 1 and 9. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 6 and 14 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependencies.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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